The DART-Europe project
Towards developing a European theses portal

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Activity in the UK

- SHERPA has spear-headed the construction of 20 repositories in research-led universities
  - [http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/](http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/)
  - Romeo publisher listing an international asset
    - [http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo.php](http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo.php)
- UK Parliamentary enquiry into STM (Science, Technology and Medicine) publishing
  - [http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200304/cmselect/cmsecotech/399/39902.htm](http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200304/cmselect/cmsecotech/399/39902.htm)
Open Access elsewhere in Europe

- Many other national European countries engaged in Open Access activity
  - DARE in the Netherlands has created Open Access repositories in all Dutch universities
  - Cream of Science now available
    - Contains research outputs of 200 Dutch scientists
      - 41,000 references
      - 25,000 full-text papers available
Pan-European developments

- Pan-European developments now underway
- EU-funded study on scholarly publishing forthcoming
  - Focus Group meeting now to finalize the Report
- OpenDOAR
  - Global listing of academic Open Access repositories
  - Funded by JISC, CURL, SPARC Europe, OSI
  - Working with Directory of Open Access Journals from University of Lund
  - http://www.opendoar.org/
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- Founding academic partners
  - UCL Library Services
  - Oxford University Library Services
  - Trinity College Dublin
  - Dartington College of Arts
  - Ethos (UK) now has Observer status on DART-Europe Project Board
    - Other European academic partners being invited into membership

- ProQuest Information and Learning
Objectives

- To work together for the discovery, retrieval and use of research theses from European universities
  - Working in an Open Access environment
  - Work underpinned by the Berlin Declaration on Open Access
  - European in scope
  - Aligned with national E-Theses developments in each member country
- To provide a ‘vanilla’ service, fully Open Access, which is free at point of use
- To develop a business model for Value-Added services
Layers of service

- DART-Europe will
  - Create a ‘vanilla’ service, conforming to Open Access principles
    - E-Theses can be deposited in Open Access repositories
    - Metadata harvested
    - European portal (DEEP) created for a European view
    - Content and software processes free at point of use
  - Other elements are optional and can be charged
    - Deposit tool
    - Additional functionalities
    - Preservation platform
Main DART-Europe outputs

- Customised deposit tool
- DART-Europe repository service
- DART-Europe portal (DEEP)
- Best-practice guidelines on E-Theses management
- Preservation platform
- Identification of sustainable business models
- Dissemination
Project timescales

- **Phase 1**
  - 18 months – June 2005-December 2006
  - Major technical development will be completed by Christmas 2005
  - Deposit tool already being customised by partners
  - Hosted repository service available
  - DEEP portal will be created
  - OAI Harvester being developed
  - Initial partners identified
  - Discussions over Preservation Platform initiated
  - Identify possible business models
  - Seek endorsement from LIBER
Project timescales

- Phase 2 (2007-)
  - Enlarge partnership
    - Special emphasis on EU Accession countries
  - Multilingual aspects of project identified
    - Projects identified to address these issues
  - Technology watch to ensure systems and processes are best of breed
  - Consider launch of DART-Europe as full service
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- Thanks for listening
- Happy to hear any questions